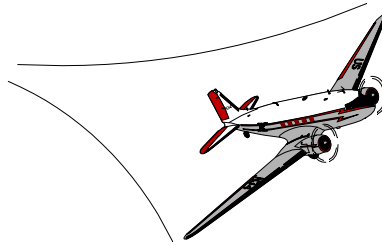


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## Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin alerts you, owners and operators of the **SCHEMPP-HIRTH model listed below**, that Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA) has issued Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2003-281, dated October 02, 2003. This AD calls for the immediate inspection of the elevator outer mass balance weights and, if required, modification per Technical Note No. 349-28, 360-20, and 863-8.

Model	Serial Number
Discus 2T	1 through 33

***Note: The Discus 2T sailplane is not type certificated in the U.S.***

## Background

The LBA has reported a roughness of the elevator control of a Discus-2T that occurred during a pre-flight check. After removal of an elevator, the outer mass balance was found broken. Schempp-Hirth has developed repair procedures through the stated Technical Note and estimated four (4) hours labor time and negligible material cost to perform the repair.

## Recommendation

***Effective immediately***, we strongly recommend that owners and operators of the sailplanes listed above comply with the provisions of LBA AD 2003-281 and Schempp-Hirth Technical Note No. 349-28, 360-20, and 863-8.

We are providing this information as a courtesy because we do not issue ADs for gliders that don't have a U.S. type certificate.

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